Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hour: \_\_\_\_\_

**“Marionettes, Inc” Questions**

**By Ray Bradbury**

1. What is the setting (time and place) of the story?
2. Identify the two main characters and two characteristics for each.
3. Describe Braling’s marriage. Is he happy? How can you tell?
4. Where is Braling traveling to? Why won’t his wife be mad about his trip?

C:\Users\mbenoit\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\S7687CZ2\MC900290870[1].wmf

1. Describe Smith’s marriage troubles.
2. What does Smith discover when he puts his ear to Braling Two’s chest?
3. What happens when Smith returns home? What is he planning to do?
4. What does Smith learn about his wife?
5. What does Brawling Two do when they return home?
6. How does the story end?
7. Were you surprised by the ending? Why or why not?
8. What was the main conflict in the story? What is resolved?
9. How does this story fit Ray Bradbury’s unique writing style?
10. What science fiction elements were present?
11. Write a continuation of the story (5-7 sentences)

**Extra Credit:**

1. List some examples from the story of:
   1. Foreshadowing:
   2. Irony:
2. Why is the story called “Marionettes, Inc”? Cite specific examples from the story to support your reasoning.

C:\Users\mbenoit\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\K0O7W0UI\MC900389334[1].wmfC:\Users\mbenoit\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\AM1I8PN9\MC900090097[1].wmf